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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 27, 2004 and Notice of Appeal filed November 29, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application.

Applicants hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination and respectfully request that the amendments be entered.